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FOR MARY RYAN AF/EX

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SUBJECT: STAFF HOUSING

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1. IC CONTINUING SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVE TO PROPOSAL REFTEL AN EMBASSY HAS LOCATED HOUSE ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHICH EMBASSY COULD LEASE JACOBSONS HAVE EXAMINED THIS HOUSE CLOSELY AND WOULD PREFER IT TO WAITING FOR A NEW HOUSE TO BE BUILT AS PROPOSED REFTEL A. BELIEVE OCCUPANCY BY DECEMBER 1 WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

2. HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS OWNED BY JOHN MAIEANE, FIRST SECY, EMBASSY OF LESOTHO, WASHINGTON. EMBASSY MASERU WILL APPRECIATE DEPT INFORMING MAIEANE AS FOLLOWS:

3. EMBASSY WANTS TO LEASE HIS HOUSE IN NEW EUROPA FOR JACOBSONS ON CONDITION THNNUY

A. CONSTRUCTION IS PUSHED SPEEDILY TO CONCLUSION NLT FIRST DECEMBER.

B. CERTAIN ADDITIONAL FEATURES INCLUDED OR MODIFICATIONS MADE PER PARA 4 BELOW.

4. A. EMBASSY WANTS THREE-PHASE WIRING FOR INSTALLATION OF
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WASHER/DRYER IN KITCHEN OR ADJOINING COVERED AREA OUTSIDE

KITCHEN DOOR, ELECTRIC STOVE AND ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS FOR HOUSE AND SERVANTS QUARTERS.

B. ELECTRICITY FOR HEATING SERVANTS QUARTERS.

C. FIREPLACE WITH CHIMNEY AT SIDE OF LIVING-DINING ROOM.

D. PAVE DRIVEWAY AND GARAGE.

E. COMPLETION OF PORCH/VERANDA AT FRONT.

F. WALL AROUND FRONT OF SERVANTS QUARTERS TO PROVIDE PRIVACY FOR TENANTS AND SERVANTS.

G. SECURITY BARS AT WINDOWS.

5. EMBASSY IN CONTACT WITH MAIEUNE'S AGENT, FELIX BOROTH, IN MASERU. BOROTH AND CONTRACTOR BELIEVE HOUSE CAN BE COMPLETED BEFORE CHRISTMAS. EMBASSY HAS ALSO WIRED MAIEANE TO INDICATE OUR INTEREST IN LEASING HIS PROPERTY IF CONDITIONS PARA 4 ARE MET AND TO ADVISE HIM THAT HE WILL BE CONTACTED BY POST MANAGEMENT OFFICER.

6. EMBASSY DOES NOT WISH TO CANCEL PROPOSAL FOR LEASE PURCHASE PER REFTEL A BECAUSE OAIEANE HOUSE ADEQUATE ONLY FOR FAMILY WITH ONE OR TWO SMALL CHILDREN. WHILE THIS WOULD SEVE WELL THROUGH END OF JACOBSON TOUR, POST MUST ANTICIPATE POSSIBLE NEED FOR LARGER HOUSE THEREAFTER. JACOBSON HAS REQUESTED EXTENSION TOUR TO JUNE 1979 (REF B). POST WOULD PROPOSE POSTPONING LEASE PURCHASE PROPOSAL REF A UNTIL 6/78, ONE YEAR PRIOR PROPOSED COMPLETION JACOBSON TOUR.
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